Small Business Innovation Research

Application of GaS in the Passivation of GaAs and Related Alloys



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INNOVATION

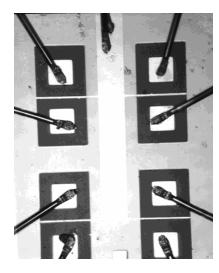
A surface coating of Gallium Sulfide (GaS) for Gallium Arsenide (GaAs) and other III-V solar cells

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Discovered a stable cubic phase of GaS that could passivate the surface of GaAs solar cells, other optoelectronic and microelectronic devices
- Developed techniques for determining surface passivation
- Developed new passivation technology

COMMERCIALIZATION

- ◆ This passivation technology is used in all cell phones
- ◆ TRI-QUINT, a manufacturer of microelectronic and optoelectronic devices, purchased GALLIA, Inc. and the passivation technology. The passivation technology was used to improve their GaAs discrete devices



4 Metal-Semiconductor Field-effect Transistors (MESFETS) with GaS Passivation between the GaAs Semiconductor and the Gate Metal

GOVERNMENT/SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

- It is used or can be used on solar cells and other GaAs devices for many NASA missions
- NASA and the Military benefits by increases in "End of Life" efficiency and reliability with this technology